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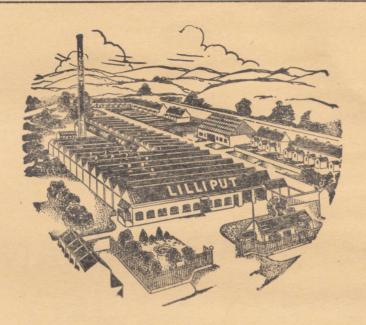
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We consider it a great privilege to sponsor this short season of Grand' Opera by a Society whose reputation stands on a high pinnacle throughout the land.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to the CHAIRMAN (Comdt. W. O'Kelly) and the COMMITTEE of the Dublin Grand Opera Society for their ready response to our invitation, and the whole-hearted manner in which they have arranged for their talented company to provide such worthy presentations of world-renowned operas.

We welcome our distinguished Guest Artistes, and feel justified in specially mentioning our own JAMES JOHNSTON. It was with feelings of great pride that we learned of his success with Sadlers Wells Opera Company, and are particularly pleased that his visit here this week should be with the Society in which he made his Grand Opera Debut.

We take this opportunity of thanking that Great Personality of the Irish Theatre—MR. G. L. BIRCH of the ROYAL HIPPODROME. His unfailing courtesy, helpful advice and encouragement has been of inestimable value to us in this great venture.

To our PATRONS—we say THANKS! You have made this Week a wonderful success by the support which you have given. We sincerely hope you have enjoyed the Performances, and know you join us in the happy thought that the ULSTER HOSPITAL FOR CHILD-REN AND WOMEN and THE MATER INFIRMORUM HOSPITAL will benefit considerably.

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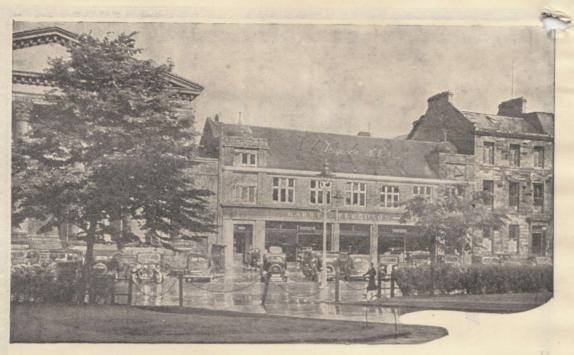
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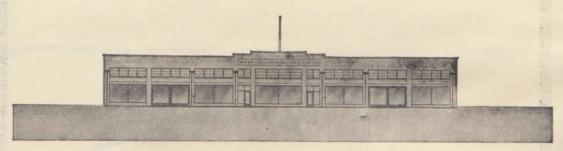
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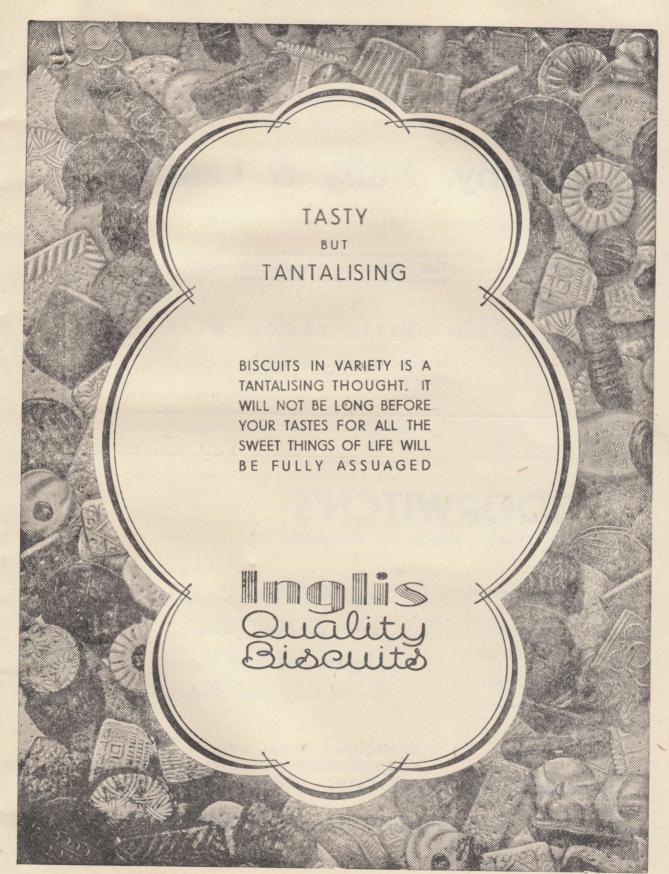
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THE Count Di Luna had a brother who was carried off by the gipsy Azucena, whose mother was burnt at the stake by his father. The Opera opens with the telling of this story by one of the Count's vassals.

The Count is in love with the beautiful Leonora, but she has given her heart to Manrico, a gipsy whose lovely songs and deeds of valour have won her. One night Manrico serenades Leonora and she hastens to him only to mistake the Count for her gipsy lover. But Manrico comes up in time to save her and the two men fight, Manrico being wounded. However when he has the Count at his mercy some strange impulse allows him to let his adversary go.

In the second act, the gipsy's camp, Azucena tells Manrico of how she stole the old Count's son and then killed her own child by mistake and had to rear the Count's son as her own. Manrico is so horrified by this story and the realisation that he is not really Azucena's son that she hastily retracts her words and pretends that the story is not true.

Meanwhile he hears that Leonora, who believes him to have been killed is about to enter a convent and he goes to save her. The Count bent on the same object arrives at the convent just before Manrico, but the latter rescues Leonora and the Count vows vengeance.

Leonora and Manrico are then married but their happiness is short lived, for, in the third act, Manrico hears that Azucena has been captured by the Count and is to be burned. He tries to save her but is captured too. Then, in order to save him, Leonora offers herself to the Count in exchange for the lives of Azucena and Manrico, but she hopes to forestall the Count by taking a slow-working poison.

Then, assured of her lover's freedom, she hastens to tell him of his deliverance and dies at his feet. The Count enters and seeing that he has been deceived orders Manrico to be executed immediately. He is led away and to the Count's horror, just as Manrico is killed Azucena shrieks out "he is your own brother" and this final tragedy closes the Opera.

Wednesday, 18th at 2	.30 p.m. and Saturday, 21st September at 7.30 p.m.
IL	TROVATORE
	(Guiseppe Verdi)
	Dramatis Personæ
LENORA	RUTH PACKEF
AZUCENA A GIPSY WOMA	PATRICIA BLACK
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Scene 1—The Guard Room in the Castle of Il Conte Di Luna Scene 2—Garden in the Palace of the Princess

ACT II.

Scene 1—Camp of the Gypsies
Scene 2—The Cloister of the Convent

ACT III.

Scene 1—Il Conte Di Luna's Camp Scene 2—Chamber in the Castle

ACT IV.

Scene 1—Outside the Dungeon Tower of Aliaferia, adjoining a Wing of the Palace
Scene 2—Interior of the Dungeon Tower of Aliaferia

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